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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report is submitted in the context of actions taken by the Security Council regarding good offices, preventive diplomacy and post-conflict missions on the basis of requests from Governments and/or recommendations of the Secretary-General.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 54/250 A of 23 December 1999, approved a provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001. As noted in Assembly decision 54/477 of 7 April 2000, the utilization of the provision for special political missions amounted to $61,517,700, and an unallocated balance of $28,869,500 remained against the provision of $90,387,200.

The present report contains proposed resource requirements for a monitoring mechanism composed of up to five experts authorized by the Security Council in its resolution 1295 (2000) of 18 April 2000. The estimated requirements of $710,600 would be charged against the provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions.

As a consequence, should the General Assembly approve the charge of $3,846,300 in connection with the United Nations Office in Angola proposed in the report of the Secretary-General of 18 April 2000 (A/C.5/54/53, para. 8), the total charge against the provision for special political missions would amount to $66,074,600, leaving an uncommitted balance of $24,312,600.

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I. Introduction

1. The purpose of the present report is to seek funding in the biennium 2000-2001 for the monitoring mechanism composed of five experts authorized by the Security Council in its resolution 1295 (2000) of 18 April 2000.

II. Monitoring mechanism on violations of the measures contained in Security Council resolutions 864 (1993), 1127 (1997) and 1173 (1998)

2. By its resolution 1237 (1999) of 7 May 1999, the Security Council established, for a period of six months, an independent Panel of Experts to investigate violations of the measures imposed against the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA), which are contained in resolutions 864 (1993), 1127 (1997) and 1173 (1998). The final report of the Panel of Experts was submitted to the Security Council on 10 March 2000 (S/2000/203) through the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola.

3. Welcoming the report of the Panel of Experts and noting the conclusions and recommendations contained therein, the Security Council, in paragraph 3 of its resolution 1295 (2000), requested the Secretary-General to establish a monitoring mechanism composed of up to five experts for a period of six months from its effective entry into operation to collect additional relevant information and to investigate relevant leads relating to any allegations of violations of the measures contained in its resolutions 864 (1993), 1127 (1997) and 1173 (1998), including any relevant leads initiated by the Panel of Experts, including through visits to relevant countries.

4. The requirements for the monitoring mechanism comprising five experts for six months are estimated at $710,600. Details of the cost estimates together with the relevant supplementary information are contained in the annex to the present report.

III. Action required from the General Assembly

5. The General Assembly is requested to approve a charge of the requirements of $710,600 against the provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001. Consequently, should the General Assembly approve the charge of $3,846,300 in connection with the United Nations Office in Angola proposed in the report of the Secretary-General of 18 April 2000 (A/C.5/54/53), the total charge against the provision for special political missions would amount to $66,074,600, leaving an uncommitted balance of $24,312,600.

Annex

Monitoring mechanism on violations of the measures contained in Security Council resolutions 864 (1993), 1127 (1997) and 1173 (1998)

Cost estimates for a six-month period

A. Summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of apportionment	*Six-month duration*	
	Total requirements	*Non-recurrent costs*
I. Military personnel costs		
1. Military observers	-	-
2. Other costs pertaining to military personnel	-	-
Total, category I	-	-
II. Civilian personnel costs		
1. Civilian police	-	-
2. International and local staff	690.0	-
Total, category II	**690.0**	-
III. Operational requirements		
1. Premises/accommodation	-	-
2. Transport operations	3.6	-
3. Communications	9.0	-
4. Other equipment	-	-
5. Supplies and services	8.0	-
6. Air and surface freight	-	-
Total, category III	**20.6**	-
IV. Other programmes		
1. Public information programmes	-	-
2. Training programmes	-	-
Total, category IV	-	-
Total requirements	**710.6**	-
V. Voluntary contributions	-	-
Total	**710.6**	-

B. Supplementary information

Civilian personnel costs

Estimate: $690,000

1. Provision is made for the remuneration of five experts to be engaged on a when-actually-employed basis at $400 per day each ($360,000) and one secretary (General Service (Other level)) ($29,200). Overtime for the secretary is estimated at $200 per month ($1,200).

2. An amount of $299,600 is proposed for the travel of the five experts to New York, Angola, various countries in southern Africa and some countries in Europe, for consultations and data collection, as required by their mandate.

Operational requirements

Estimate: $20,600

Transport operations

3. To facilitate the local travel of the experts in conjunction with their meetings with local officials during their missions, a provision ($3,600) is made for the rental of two vehicles at an average cost of $300 per vehicle per month.

Communications

4. An amount of $1,500 per month is provided to cover the costs of commercial communications, including long-distance calls, facsimile charges, rental charges for cellular and satellite phones, pouch services and postage.

Supplies and services

5. A provision of $8,000 is made to cover charges for local support services, such as drivers and secretaries, normally provided by local United Nations Development Programme offices ($6,000), and for supplies and other services such as videoconferencing and the printing and reproduction of reports ($2,000).